GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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TERRORISTS ATTACKS IN J & K AND ASSAM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attacks on the military in J&K and Assam by the terrorists are increasing and a large number of soldiers have lost their lives in these attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any concrete action against the militants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 162 FOR 8.3.2001

Terrorist attacks on the security forces have been an on-going feature of the proxy war in J&K and the insurgency situation in Assam. While there has been no significant increase in such attacks on the Army/Rashtriya Rifles in J&K, there has been a perceptible decline in the casualties suffered by the Army/Rashtriya Rifles during the last three months. Similarly, there has been a decline in the fatal casualties in respect of Army personnel due to terrorist attacks in Assam. Following are the relevant figures:

	J&K	Assam
1st September - 30th November, 2000	100	4
1st December, 2000 - February 28, 2001	43	2

2. During the period of non-initiation of combat operations (NICO) in J&K, the security forces have been carrying out operations for ensuring security of their posts/personnel, lines of communication, civilians and public/private property. Terrorists disrupting law and order continue to be targeted by security forces. Since November 28, 2000 (date of commencement of NICO), 191 terrorists have been eliminated by Army/RR during operations.

3. In Assam, 285 terrorists were killed during operations launched by security forces in the year 2000. 1265 terrorists were apprehended and 1690 terrorists surrendered during the period. 64 terrorists were killed during the first two months of the current year, while 165 terrorists have surrendered and 261 terrorists have been apprehended during this period.

4. The security forces continue to be in control of the situation both in J&K and Assam, notwithstanding the incidents of violence against them by desperate elements, who wish to derail the peace process in J&K.